

Bennett and Mayor Debate At Hearing on City Budget

Republican Candidate's Plans for Economy Are Limited
to Cutting \$10,000 Salary of Gary Expert—Dead-
locked in Verbal Clash With Prendergast

William M. Bennett, the Republican candidate for Mayor, enlivened the public hearing on the tentative city budget before the Board of Estimate yesterday.

The Council Chamber at the City Hall was crowded in anticipation of an entertaining session. The audience was not wholly disappointed, as Mayor Mitchell and his political opponent and Controller Prendergast engaged in several verbal skirmishes.

Mr. Bennett's appearance was not fruitful of constructive suggestions as to how the \$240,000,000 budget could be reduced. Politically, the Bennett followers claimed it had its effect. The sum total of Mr. Bennett's proposals for further economy was to suggest the elimination of the \$10,000 salary of Dr. William Wirt, the expert on the Gary system in the public schools.

Deadlocked With Controller

The debate before the board came to an abrupt ending when Controller Prendergast challenged some of the Controller's statements. The Controller and Mr. Bennett came to a deadlock when each refused to answer the other's questions. Mr. Bennett sat down amid hisses punctuated with a few cheers.

Mr. Bennett afterward declared that he had intended to proceed to the discussion of other budget items if he had not been "interrupted." He had prepared a typewritten statement from which he intended to read, but he was interrupted by Mayor Mitchell, however, as chairman of the board, insisted that he confine himself to budget matters.

Immediately after roll call, Mr. Bennett asked to be heard out of order, and, when permission was granted, he proceeded to follow his typewritten statement, which included a general attack upon the Gary system, and particular objection to Dr. Wirt and his \$10,000 salary. Mr. Bennett declared that Dr. Wirt had been employed by the city for the last three years for ten weeks each year at \$1,000 a week.

"By naming Mr. Wirt in the budget," said Mr. Bennett, "this administration is endeavoring to hamstring a new administration that may not want Mr. Wirt or any of his system."

"The again you are in error," interrupted the Mayor. "The item presupposes nothing of the sort. The provision in the budget is not restrictive, and does not amount to a law. It can be changed, modified or wiped out altogether."

Bennett Charges Waste

Mr. Bennett then diverted from his written statement to say that the city had already spent money recklessly by purchasing the new courthouse, which were lying idle for lack of sufficient funds to improve them.

"I must insist that Mr. Bennett confine his remarks to the budget," inter-

rupted the Mayor. "No outside matters should be brought into this hearing."

"I have been interrupted here as others have been interrupted during the last three years," shouted the candidate. "How much time will you allow me if I will say what I have to say and stop?"

Mr. Bennett's show of annoyance brought some applause from the Bennett sympathizers in the audience. A round of hisses started, but the Mayor quickly restored order by rapping his gavel.

The Mayor assured Mr. Bennett that he would be allowed any reasonable period of time necessary for the proper presentation of his objections to items in the budget. The candidate then returned to his attack on the Wirt item.

"The city has other experts fully as competent as Mr. Wirt," said Mr. Bennett. "I am informed that it costs the city from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year to furnish Mr. Wirt with information as to our public school system. In view of the apparent failure of the system, it should be abandoned and no future attempt should be made to extend it."

Prendergast Enters Debate

Controller Prendergast took a hand at this point.

"Will Mr. Bennett tell us who these employees are who get this \$30,000 for assisting Mr. Wirt?" asked the Controller.

"Do you deny the truth of the statement?" replied the candidate. "Do you question it?"

"I am not questioning anything," said the Controller. "I am asking you to name the employees who get this \$30,000 you speak of."

"And I am asking you," retorted Mr. Bennett, "if my statement is not based on facts."

The Controller solemnly promised to answer the candidate's question when he had answered his question. Mr. Bennett replied in the same vein. This cross fire bade fair to continue for several minutes, but hisses from the spectators brought it to a sudden end. There was also a cheer or two as Mr. Bennett sat down. As he stepped to his seat he turned toward the Mayor, and asked:

"Are the hisses intended for you or for me? Are the hisses taxpayers or Columbia students?"

His question went unanswered and the hearing proceeded smoothly after Mr. Bennett had retired.

Cropsey at Bennett Rally

The Bennett campaign managers announced yesterday that James C. Cropsey, Supreme Court Justice of Brooklyn, would speak at the Bennett meeting at Cooper Union on November 1.

Justice Cropsey presided recently at a meeting for the Republican candidate at the Academy of Music. It was declared that he would have some interesting revelations to make at the Cooper Union meeting concerning the visit which William Hamlin Childs and other members of the Fusion Committee made upon Justice Cropsey last August in the interests of Mayor Mitchell's candidacy. Justice Cropsey later withdrew as a proposed candidate for the Mayoralty in the Republican primaries.

New Rochelle Has Hot Political Fight

Insurgents Wage Bitter Campaign Against Re-election of Mayor Griffing

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Oct. 27.—New Rochelle is now in the middle of one of the most bitter political battles ever waged in all its stormy municipal career. On one side is the political machine created by Mayor Edward Stetson Griffing, who seeks reelection on the Republican ticket, and is supported by both the local newspapers. On the other are ranged certain independent Republicans who resent Mayor Griffing's rule, Democrats and Progressives.

This latter body is led by Edson S. Lott, president of the United States Casualty Company. He and his followers charge that during his last term Mayor Griffing used his authority to build up a personal political machine, and that through his lieutenant, Robert Lesser, he has distributed patronage for his own advancement.

The insurgents allege that Griffing's machine has subsidized the press of New Rochelle. "The Evening Standard" has always been his staunch supporter. Until this year, however, "The Daily Star" has opposed him. Recently it changed its policy and is now supporting him.

Other indictments which the Mayor's opponents have laid against him include one which charges that he has broken his word to the people of New Rochelle. When running for office four years ago he promised that he would not increase the assessment roll. During his administration, his opponents say, the roll has been boosted more than 50 per cent.

It is also said that he has increased the bonded indebtedness of the city by \$50,000. It is likewise charged that he has attempted to increase the Mayor's salary from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year.

Griffing's rival is Frederic H. Waldorf, who was Mayor of New Rochelle in 1912 and 1913.

Columbia for Mitchell

Students' Straw Vote Favors Mayor; Hillquit Second

Mayor Mitchell would be the victor in the municipal election by an overwhelming majority if students at Columbia University were permitted to cast the vote. The straw ballot in progress at the university several days was concluded yesterday, with the following totals:

Mitchell 1,065

Hillquit 903

Hylan 214

Bennett 90

Colvin 7

Seidell 7

Students at the university who had charge of the voting insisted that this ballot showed just about how the election, in their opinion, will go throughout the city.

Political Rumor Bars Tumulty's Trip Here

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Secretary Tumulty today cancelled plans for a trip to New York Monday because of reports that he would act as President Wilson's scout on the New York municipal political situation.

The President has indicated repeatedly that he will not seek to influence the election there.

Shows Menace Inconclusive Peace Would Bring France

(Continued from The Associated Press)

PARIS, Oct. 15.—An inconclusive peace would mean that Germany, in fifteen years, would be able to put into the field an army of 8,000,000, against a total French army of 3,332,000, according to figures compiled by Andre Lefevre, Deputy from Aix and former Minister of Finance.

M. Lefevre estimates the number of survivors twenty years of age in the two countries, out of 100,000 male births, at 72,950 for France, and 70,000 for Germany. In spite of the greater wastage in Germany, the relatively smaller birth rate in France would reduce the latter's military strength to only a little more than 40 per cent of that of her neighbor in 1933.

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Women's Serge Dresses

in black and navy blue

at \$19.50, \$22.50 & \$25.00

and

Wool Jersey Dresses

in beetroot, taupe and brown

at \$32.50

are on sale in the Department for Women's Ready-to-wear Dresses, on the Third Floor.

An Unusual Sale of Women's Balta Hand-made Pumps

FOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING

will take place to-morrow (Monday) in the Department on the Second Floor.

These Pumps were constructed on one of the most popular of the lasts originated exclusively by B. Altman & Co. They are made of patent leather and of light-weight black gunmetal calfskin, and represent very exceptional value at

\$5.75 per pair

having been in regular stock until now at a much higher price.

Semi-made Serge Dresses

FOR WOMEN AND MISSES

are specially featured on the Sixth Floor.

Two models are shown, both cut in one-piece style, from fine-twill navy blue serge, and requiring but little time and labor to complete. In one, the skirt is box-plaited in front and finished in a panel at the back; in the other, it is box-plaited front and back. In both, the bodice, cuffs and sash-ends are hand-embroidered in silk combined with metal, a collar of white poplin completing the ensemble.

The price of either model is \$12.50

Women's sizes: 34 to 44 inches bust measure.

Misses' sizes: 16 and 18 years.

Sweater Novelties

FOR WOMEN AND MISSES

are constantly being received, many from the American sources of supply, but not a few from abroad. The colors and color combinations are most attractive, and there are many new and interesting style features. Slip-over Sweaters, with and without sleeves, are popular for wearing under the coat on cool days, as well as for sports purposes; and there is an almost endless variety from which to choose. Camel's-hair Sweaters trimmed with vicuna of contrasting color are an attractive novelty, and are very effective when worn with the smart cap and scarf to match.

(Third Floor)

Women's Woven Underwear

in the weaves and weights that will be needed for cooler weather, is ready for immediate selection.

Among the most wanted styles the following are in the regular stock at the prices quoted:

Imported Swiss Ribbed Underwear VESTS

Cotton or lisle thread . . . 60c., upward
Wool-and-cotton mixture, \$1.50, upward
Silk-and-wool mixture, . . . 2.50, upward

COMBINATIONS

(low neck, sleeveless, knee-length)
Cotton . . . \$1.75, upward
Wool-and-cotton mixture, . . . 3.90, upward
Silk-and-wool mixture, . . . 5.50, upward

(Second Floor)

250 Misses' Silk Dresses

in several smart models and colors, suitable for afternoon and general wear, will be placed on sale to-morrow at the reduced prices of

\$22.00 & \$28.00

representing very exceptional values

(Second Floor)

An Important One-week Sale of French Filet Lace Window Panels Curtains and Bedspreads

(all hand-made, and of this year's importation) will begin to-morrow (Monday) in the Department on the Fourth Floor.

The unusualness of the great collection to be offered in this Sale cannot fail to attract the attention of the discriminating purchaser, every unit composing it having been selected with infinite care. Interior decorators will also find it of timely interest, in view of the present and ever-increasing scarcity of decorative laces of artistic merit, coupled with the fact that the values offered are far in excess of the prices quoted.

Included are

Hand-made Filet Lace Window Panels
each \$9.00, 11.50, 14.00, 16.00
upward to \$175.00

Hand-made Filet Lace Window Curtains
per pair \$22.50, 24.00, 27.50, 33.00
upward to \$250.00

Hand-made Filet Lace Bedspreads
each \$22.50, 24.00, 27.50, 33.00
upward to \$675.00

In the regular stock of the Lace Draperies Department are imported Hand-made Filet Lace Pieces of rare beauty, the prices of which are scaled as follows:

Window panels . . . up to \$500.00 each
Curtains . . . up to \$950.00 per pair
Bedspreads . . . up to \$1,400.00 each

Another Extraordinary Offering of Curtain Materials

will provide a special-interest event for Monday in the Upholstery Department, on the Fourth Floor. It will comprise

Fine-quality Scrims and Grenadines
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28c. per yard

Also Plain and Bordered Scrims

22c. per yard

A Clearance Sale of Crepe de Chine Underwear

(American-made)

will consist of a number of styles about to be discontinued. These have been taken from the regular stock, where they were marked at much higher prices, and will be available for selection on Monday and Tuesday at the new quotations.

Nightrobes . . . \$3.85, 5.50 & 6.75
Envelope Chemises . . . 1.85, 2.90 & 3.50
Knickers . . . 1.90 & 2.50
Bodices . . . 90c., 1.45 & 1.85

(Second Floor)

The Sale of Oriental Rugs Now Being Held

will be continued until and including Wednesday, October 31st.